

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5709

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT ET

SUBJECT: URBAN LAND REFORM (CONTINUED)

REF: ADDIS 9199 (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL MENTIONED THAT EMBASSY HAD REPORTS OF FORCIBLE PROPERTY REDISTRIBUTION TO WHICH IT WAS INCLINED TO CREDIT. WE NOW HAVE HARD REPORTS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT, IN MOST CASES BY ZEMATCHOCH, OCCASIONALLY ASSISTED BY SOLDIERS, IN VARIOUS ADDIS NEIGHBORHOODS.

2. FRENCH LANGUAGE ADDIS SOIR OF JULY 30 IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ACCOMPANIED BY EDITORIAL ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF A NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN ENTERING PRIVATE HOMES AND DEMANDING CLOTHING AND OTHER ARTICLES UNDER PRETEXT OF COLLECTING FOR DROUGHT RELIEF. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENT THEMSELVES AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT WHICH, THEY CLAIM, HAD CHARGED THEM WITH EXPROPRIATING CLOTHING AND OTHER MATERIALS TO GIVE TO CITIZENS IN

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GREATER NEED. THE EDITORIAL DENIES THAT THE PMAC HAS EVER GIVEN

SUCH INSTRUCTIONS AND IN FACT TERMS THESE YOUNG PEOPLE REACTIONARY  
ELEMENTS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING  
CONCERNING THE URBAN LAND REFORM PROCLAMATION.

3. COMMENT: PMAC HAS, IN URBAN LAND REFORM AS IN OTHER CONTEXTS,  
PROBLEM OF ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL ITS OWN FREQUENTLY OVER-ZEALOUS  
CHANGE-AGENTS -- THE ZEMATCHOCH. ON PENALTY OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE  
POPULAR REACTION IT MUST ENSURE THAT OPPORTUNISTS ARE NOT ABLE,  
UNDER FALSE PRETENSES (I.E., AS ZEMATCHOCH), TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
CONFUSED SITUATION AND OF HOME OWNERS CURRENT VULNERABILITIES.  
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